

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CORNELL CURRY, :  
Plaintiff, : 09 Civ. 6901 (VM) (HBP)  
-against- :  
REPORT AND  
THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE : RECOMMENDATION  
DEPARTMENT, et al., :  
Defendants. :  
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PITMAN, United States Magistrate Judge:

TO THE HONORABLE VICTOR MARRERO, United States District  
Judge,

Deeming the attached document to be a motion for a default judgment, the I respectfully recommend that the motion be denied. Relying on New York's Civil Practice Law and Rules ("CPLR"), plaintiff seeks a default judgment on the ground that the answers of certain defendants are not verified. To the extent the CPLR sets forth rules of procedure, such as the verification of pleadings, it is not applicable in federal court. Procedure in federal court is governed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure which do not require that pleadings be verified. Fed.R.Civ.P. 11(a). Accordingly, the lack of a

verification does not render any of the answers deficient, and there is no legal basis for the entry of a default judgment.

OBJECTIONS

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Rule 72(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties shall have fourteen (14) days from the date of this Report to file written objections. See also Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(a). Such objections (and responses thereto) shall be filed with the Clerk of the Court, with courtesy copies delivered to the chambers of the Honorable Victor Marrero, United States District Judge, 500 Pearl Street, Room 660, New York, New York 10007, and to the chambers of the undersigned, 500 Pearl Street, Room 750, New York, New York 10007. Any requests for an extension of time for filing objections must be directed to Judge Marrero. FAILURE TO OBJECT WITHIN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS WILL RESULT IN A WAIVER OF OBJECTIONS AND WILL PRECLUDE APPELLATE REVIEW. Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140 (1985); United States v. Male Juvenile, 121 F.3d 34, 38 (2d Cir. 1997); IUE AFL-CIO Pension Fund v. Herrmann, 9 F.3d 1049, 1054 (2d Cir. 1993); Frank v. Johnson, 968 F.2d 298, 300 (2d Cir.

1992); Wesolek v. Canadair Ltd., 838 F.2d 55, 57-59 (2d Cir. 1988); McCarthy v. Manson, 714 F.2d 234, 237-38 (2d Cir. 1983).

Dated: New York, New York  
April 20, 2010

SO ORDERED

  
HENRY PITMAN  
United States Magistrate Judge

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CORNELL CURRY  
GENERAL DELIVERY SECTION  
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~~Request to file a Motion  
for a Default Judgment  
C.G.~~

In Re: CORNELL CURRY V. New York City Police Department, et al.  
09 Civ 6901 (VM), (HBP).

2010 APR 16 AM 10:00

Your Honor:

I am the plaintiff herein. I am comprising PRO SE.

On February 8, 2010 the defendant submitted and filed  
with this Court "ANSWER TO Amended Complaint By City OF  
NEW YORK, New York City Police Department AND OFFICER

Evangelos Arkiporidis." A copy annexed as Exhibit A.

The defendant's ANSWER is not affirmed under the  
lawyer's oath of affirmation pursuant to civil practice law  
and rules, section 2106, nor in any way declared under  
the penalty of perjury, and therefore, should be  
cont'd...

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declared inadmissible and rejected by this court in its entirety.

On February 9, 2010 the defendant submitted and filed  
with Court <sup>this</sup> "Answer To Amended Complaint By Caesar Gonzalez".

A copy annexed as Exhibit B. The defendant's answer is not

affirmed under the lawyer's oath of affirmation pursuant

to civil practice/marshall rules, section 2106, nor in any way

declared under the penalty of perjury, and therefore, should

be declared inadmissible and rejected by this court in its

entirety.

Wherefore, plaintiff respectfully request that plaintiff

be granted permission to file a motion for a Default

Judgment in the amount of \$4 500,000.00, and for such other

and further relief as to this court may deem just and

proper.

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Dated: April 16, 2010  
New York, New York

YOURS, ETC.,

Cornell Curry

CORNELL CURRY  
Plaintiff Pro

cc: BRINN J. FARRAR, Esq.  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
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New York, New York 10007

PS: See John Orcutt, Assistant Borough Chief New York City

Law Department Corporation Counsel affirmed pursuant to  
civil practice law and rules, section 8106. A copy annexed  
as Exhibit C.

Cornell Curry  
April 16, 2010

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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CORNELL CURRY,

Plaintiff,

-against-

NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT; THE CITY  
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GONZALEZ, Shield No. 19379 and POLICE OFFICER  
NIKIFORIDIS Shield No. 18591,

Defendants.

**ANSWER TO AMENDED  
COMPLAINT BY CITY OF  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
CITY POLICE  
DEPARTMENT AND  
OFFICER EVANGELOS  
NIKIFORIDIS**

09 Civ. 6901 (VM) (HBP)

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

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Defendants City of New York, New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) and Officer Evangelos Nikiforidis, by their attorney, Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, as and for their answer to the amended complaint (hereinafter “Complaint”) dated November 17, 2009, respectfully allege, upon information and belief, as follows:<sup>1</sup>

1. Deny the allegations set forth in Part “I” (on pages “1” through “2”) of the Complaint, entitled “Parties in this complaint,” except admit that plaintiff purports to name the parties to this action as stated therein.
2. Deny the allegations set forth in Part “II” (on page “2”) of the Complaint, entitled “Basis for Jurisdiction,” except admit that plaintiff purports to invoke the Court’s jurisdiction as stated therein.

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3. Deny the allegations set forth in Part "III" (on page 3) of the Complaint, entitled "Statement of Claim." In addition, defendants respectfully refer the Court to paragraphs 5 to 17 below, being defendants' responses to the statements set forth by plaintiff on pages 4 to 10 of the Complaint.
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12. Admits the allegations set forth in paragraph "8" (on page "7") of the Complaint.
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14. Deny the allegations set forth in paragraph "10" (on pages "8-9") of the Complaint, except admit that plaintiff annexed to the Complaint what he purports is a transcript of an administrative hearing as an exhibit.
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17. Plaintiff's statement in paragraph "13" (on page "9") of the Complaint sets forth no averment of facts to which a response is required.

**AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

18. The complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

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19. Defendant Evangelos Nikiforidis has not violated any clearly established constitutional or statutory right of which a reasonable person would have known and acted reasonably. Thus, he is protected by qualified immunity.

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20. At all times relevant to the acts alleged in the complaint, defendants acted reasonably in the proper and lawful exercise of their discretion.

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21. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by his failure to comply with the conditions precedent to suit.

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23. Any prosecution of plaintiff was supported by probable cause.

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24. Any detention or arrest of plaintiff was privileged and/or supported by probable cause.

**AS AND FOR A EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

25. The New York City Police Department is not a suable entity.

**AS AND FOR A NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

26. Plaintiff cannot obtain punitive damages against the City of New York.

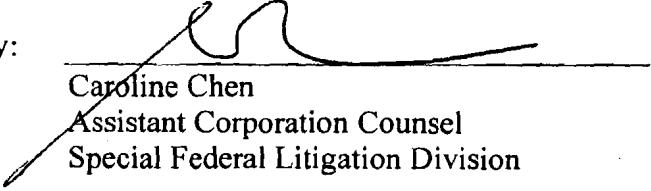
**AS AND FOR A TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE:**

27. Defendant City of New York is entitled to governmental immunity.

**WHEREFORE**, defendants City of New York, New York City Police Department and Evangelos Nikiforidis request judgment dismissing the complaint in its entirety, together with the costs and disbursements of this action, and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
February 8, 2010

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*Due and timely service is hereby admitted.*

*New York, N.Y. ...., 2010 . . .*

*.....Esq.*

*Attorney for.....*

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Dated: New York, New York  
February 9, 2010

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**SUPREME COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF NEW YORK**

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-against-

**NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY and NEW  
YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TRANSIT  
DIVISION,**

Defendants.

**AFFIRMATION IN SUPPORT**

Index No: 109345/08  
File No: 2008-026794

**JOHN ORCUTT**, an attorney admitted to practice in New York and an Assistant Borough Chief of the City of New York, affirms the truth of the following under penalty of perjury pursuant to CPLR § 2106, upon information and belief based upon the records in the office of said Corporation Counsel.

1. This affirmation and annexed exhibits are submitted in support of the motion of the Defendant THE CITY OF NEW YORK s/h/a NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT TRANSIT DIVISION (hereinafter "City") which seeks an Order pursuant to CPLR § 3211(a)(7) dismissing each and every cause of action individually, along with the complaint in its entirety, and all cross-claims for failure to state a cause of action, or in the alternative, pursuant to CPLR § 3212 granting Summary Judgment to Defendant City, on the grounds that the City is not liable for plaintiff's injuries.

**RELEVANT FACTUAL AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

2. This is an action for personal injuries allegedly sustained by the plaintiff CORNELL CURRY on May 3, 2006 when plaintiff was arrested as he entered the subway located at 23rd Street and 8th Avenue in the City, County, and State of New York. See Notice of Claim, ¶ 4, annexed hereto as Exhibit A. Plaintiff was released 21 days later on May 24, 2006.

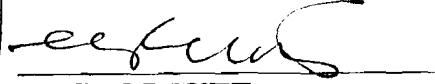
Dated: New York, New York  
April 17, 2009

Yours, etc.

MICHAEL A. CARDOZO

Corporation Counsel

By:

  
**JOHN ORCUTT**

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New York City Law Department

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*Hon. Henry B. Pittman*  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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*CORNELL CURRY*

(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the plaintiff(s)/petitioner(s).)

*09 Civ 6901 VM (HP)*

- against -

*New York City Police Department  
The City of New York, L.d'A.*

**AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE**

(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the defendant(s)/respondent(s).)

I, CORNELL CURRY, declare under penalty of perjury that I have  
(name) with exhibits  
served a copy of the attached A LETTER, AND CORRECTED FIRST PAGE.  
BRIAN S. FARRAR, Esq. (document you are serving)  
upon Assistant Corp. Counsel whose address is 100 Church  
(name of person served)  
STREET, ROOM 3-312 NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10007  
(where you served document)  
by Hand Delivery see stamp, 4/16/2010 10:04 A.M.  
(how you served document: For example - personal delivery, mail, overnight express, etc.)

Dated: NEW YORK N.Y.  
(town/city) (state)  
April 16, 2010  
(month) (day) (year)

*Cornell Curry*  
Signature  
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